

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. ) Case No.: 06-672 M  
MELVIN ERNEST GRUELLE, JR. ) DETENTION ORDER  
Defendant. )

Offense charged:

Possession of Visual Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(4)(B), 2252(B)(2) and 2256.

Date of Detention Hearing: December 19, 2006.

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION**

- (1) Defendant has no ties to the Western District of Washington.
- (2) Defendant has no stable residence and lives on a boat in Alaska.

01 (3) Defendant has dual United States and New Zealand citizenship.

02 (4) Defendant is a Level 3 sex offender and is classified as a sexually violent  
03 predator, which poses even greater concerns than it would otherwise pose, in light of the current  
04 charges against the defendant.

05 (5) There are no conditions or combination of conditions short of detention that will  
06 reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings and that will address the  
07 danger to other persons or the community.

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09 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

10 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the  
11 Attorney General for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent  
12 practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody  
13 pending appeal;

14 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with  
15 counsel;

16 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the  
17 government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant  
18 is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose  
19 of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and

20 (4) The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to  
21 counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States  
22 Pretrial Services Officer.

01 DATED this 19th day of December 2006.  
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JAMES P. DONOHUE  
United States Magistrate Judge